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AMENDMENT

In response to the Office Action dated September 19, 2006 and the Advisory Action dated December 8, 2006, amendment and reconsideration of the above application is respectfully requested.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.